

### Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

#### I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-13 are pending. Claims 6 and 7 are amended to correct informalities.

#### II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 6-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite.

The Examiner rejects claim 6 on the grounds that the term "vinyl derivative (2)" is not present in independent claim 1. In response, claim 6 is rejected to recite "vinyl derivative (2b)" rather than "vinyl derivative (2)."

The Examiner rejects claim 7 on the grounds of the preamble. In response, the preamble of claim 7 is amended at the request of the Examiner to recite "a method of preparing cis-cyclohexanepropanoic acid of formula (11), and the structure of formula (11) is included." Support for this amendment is found in the application as filed, at pages 7-8.

In view of the action taken and arguments made, it is believed that the indefiniteness rejections have been overcome. It is requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

#### III. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the statement in the office action that claims 1-5 and 13 are allowed, and claims 6-12 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In view of the action taken, it is believed that all claims 1-13 as now presented are allowable.

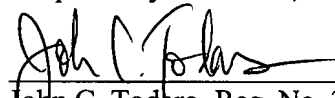
#### IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims 1-13 are not indefinite and are now in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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